

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend claims 1, 6-9 and 13-15 as follows.

The following claims will replace all prior versions, or listings, of claims in the present application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Portable electronic apparatus for displaying a piece of information in an analogue manner, by means of two hands driven independently by two stepping motors said piece of information being represented on the dial via a plurality of markings R_i , said apparatus including:

—at least one information storing unit;
—a unit for processing said information;
—a management and control unit receiving control signals from the processing unit;
—a supply unit controlled by said management unit, and controlling the movement of said two stepping motors; and
—an external control member enabling at least said piece of information to be displayed;

_____ wherein said processing unit is provided with an algorithm or a correspondence table between a marking R_i , located in any position on the whole surface of the dial, and angles α_i and β_i formed respectively by each hand from a measurement reference wherein and in that the shape of the said hands is such that, when the hands they have the angular orientations α_i and β_i , their elongated parts of the hands can intersect above said marking R_i , or their tips of the hands can be aligned opposite said marking R_i .

2. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 1, wherein at least one hand is bent and delimits in rotation a small central circle comprising no markings R_i.

3. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 1, wherein at least one hand has a curved shape with a radius of curvature decreasing towards the centre of rotation of said hand.

4. (Previously Presented) Apparatus according to claim 3, wherein one hand is rectilinear and the other hand is heart-shaped, one branch of said other hand being active.

5. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 1, wherein both hands are made of translucent material in two different colours .

6. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to claim 5, wherein a given value of an angle α or β corresponds separately to a determined number of steps of a stepping motor.

7. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the alignment of the tips of both hands corresponds to markings R_i borne by the dial at aits periphery of the dial.

8. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the apparatus further includes a time base supplying control signals to said management and control unit for displaying a first time related piece of information via said handshand in connection with symbols provided at the periphery of the dial.

9. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said measurement reference for angles α and β is the time reference at 12 o'clock, said angles α and β being measured between the time reference and a radius passing through the rotational axis of said hands and through the their tips of said hands.

10. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said time keeping circuit includes a calendar for the months and the dates, said calendar forming said storing unit for a second time related piece of information, and in that the markings R_i , are formed of the twelve months of the year and by the numbers from 1 to 31, the first twelve numbers corresponding to the hour-symbols.

11. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 8, wherein an optical valve is placed above the dial for masking the markings R_i with the exception of the hour-symbols when the apparatus is in current time reading mode.

12. (Previously Presented) Apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said storing unit contains the letters of the alphabet, corresponding to 26 marks distributed randomly on the dial and in that said management and control unit is arranged so as to make a random selection of said letters from the storing unit

13. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the apparatus includes two storing units, one for the vowels and one for the consonants, each storing unit being able to be selected by an appropriate manipulation of the external control member.

14. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the apparatusit further includes an electronic dictionary that can be consulted on the basis of the letters selected from the storing unit.

15. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the apparatusit is a wristwatch able to continuouslypermanently give a first time related piece of information and, upon actuation of the external control member, a second time related or non-timenon-time related piece of information.